

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Dale Barnes of Goodlettsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Dale Barnes, former longtime employee of the Office of Legislative Administration and the husband of legislative assistant Dorris Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Dale Barnes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born on May 19, 1953, in Mt. Pleasant, William Dale Barnes was the son of Mary Sue Wright Barnes and Clayton Dale Barnes and grew up in Maury County, where he attended Riverside Elementary School, Whitthorne Junior High School, and Columbia Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes was a graduate of Columbia State Community College and the University of Tennessee at Nashville with majors in Zoology and Education and minors in Botany and Psychology; and

WHEREAS, Dale Barnes began his illustrious career with the Tennessee General Assembly on November 26, 1973, and over the next thirty-five years, he served with distinction as a Legislative Aide, Administrative Analyst, and Supervisor of Legislative Property in the Office of Legislative Administration; and

WHEREAS, Dale Barnes exhibited his keen attention to detail as he coordinated the installation of telecommunications for the visit of President Jimmy Carter to the War Memorial Plaza and the visit of President Ronald Reagan to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dale Barnes was an exemplary legislative employee who treated every legislator, fellow employee, State official, State employee, intern, vendor, and

tourist with respect and kindness, always going above and beyond to resolve any problem or request; and

WHEREAS, respected for his many charitable endeavors, Mr. Barnes served for many years as the departmental liaison for the State Employees Charity Fund Campaign and the United Way; he was also a founding director of the Jason Foundation, a teen suicide prevention program; and

WHEREAS, Dale Barnes was a devoted member of Long Hollow Baptist Church in Hendersonville, where he was a teacher of a Connect Group, a member of the Extreme Team, which hosted the homeless through the Room In The Inn program, and an Elder Class Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Dale Barnes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-two years, Dorris Barnes, and was the proud father of Candice (Joel) Nelson and loving grandfather of Anna Hope Nelson; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered but sadly mourned by his brothers, Ron Barnes, Mike (Duane) Barnes, and Mark (Geraldine) Amis; his sisters, Vickie Steward and Kim Sharpton; and his nephews, Clay Barnes and Will Steward; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother-in-law, David Sharpton; and

WHEREAS, Dale Barnes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Dale Barnes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Barnes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.